



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 5543**

LCO No. 1846

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:  
(TRA)

**AN ACT CONCERNING REFRIGERANTS USED IN MOTOR VEHICLE AIR CONDITIONING EQUIPMENT.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 14-106 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

3 (a) The term "air conditioning equipment" or "equipment", as used  
4 or referred to in this section, means mechanical vapor compression  
5 refrigeration equipment which is used to cool the driver's or passenger  
6 compartment of any motor vehicle.

7 (b) Such equipment shall be manufactured, installed and  
8 maintained with due regard for the safety of the occupants of the  
9 vehicle and the public and shall not contain any refrigerant which is  
10 toxic to persons or which is flammable, unless such refrigerant is  
11 included in the list published by the United States Environmental  
12 Protection Agency as a safe alternative motor vehicle air conditioning  
13 substitute for chlorofluorocarbon-12 pursuant to 42 USC 7671k(c).

14 (c) The commissioner may adopt and enforce safety requirements,

15 regulations and specifications, consistent with the requirements of this  
16 section, applicable to such equipment, which shall correlate with and,  
17 so far as possible, conform to the current recommended practice or  
18 standard applicable to such equipment approved by the Society of  
19 Automotive Engineers.

20 (d) No person shall have for sale, offer for sale, sell, equip or  
21 maintain any motor vehicle with any such equipment unless he is  
22 licensed under section 14-52 and such equipment complies with the  
23 requirements of this section.

24 (e) No person shall operate on any highway any motor vehicle  
25 equipped with any air conditioning equipment unless such equipment  
26 complies with the requirements of this section.

27 (f) Violation of any provision of subsections (d) and (e) of this  
28 section shall be an infraction.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	14-106

**Statement of Purpose:**

To amend section 14-106 of the general statutes to permit the use of new, safer technologies that reduce the impact of motor vehicle air conditioners on the environment.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*